

## California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Coast Region

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Note: This notice replaces the February 7, 2012 version you received. Please note that the date has been changed to <u>February 28, 2012</u>. There is no longer a February 29, 2012 meeting.

## Notice of Public Workshop and Request for Voluntary Information

Regarding

# Development of a TMDL for Chlorpyrifos Impairment in the San Antonio Creek Watershed

#### 1) Notice of Public Workshop

The California Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) is contacting you because tax assessor parcel records, or other contact information we have, indicate you may own or operate lands and/or have an interest in water quality issues in areas where we are developing a total maximum daily load. Consequently, we would like to invite you to a second workshop to discuss the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for chlorpyrifos impairment in the San Antonio Creek Watershed located in Santa Barbara County. The Water Board previously held a meeting in Santa Maria on December 14, 2011, which some of you may have attended.

The purpose of this meeting is to orally request information from growers regarding whether or not there is some sort of collective, self-sustaining programmatic effort by growers and stakeholders in the San Antonio Creek watershed to protect and improve surface water quality with regards to chlorpyrifos.

Time and Location:

Date: February 28, 2012 (Tuesday)

**Time:** 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

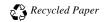
Address: Olga Reed Elementary – Multi-purpose room/cafeteria

480 Centennial Street, Los Alamos

### 2) Request for Voluntary Information

In lieu of attending the public meeting or in addition to attending the meeting, Water Board staff would like to request voluntary feedback regarding whether or not there is some sort of collective, self-sustaining programmatic effort by growers and stakeholders in the San Antonio Creek watershed to protect and improve surface water quality with regards to chlorpyrifos. For example, in some parts of the central coast region, local growers, ranchers, and/or other stakeholders form watershed groups, or some type of informal collaborative entity. In these

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watershed groups, citizens and property owners seek to act collectively to protect water quality in their local watersheds.

If the Water Board can point to collective and self-sustaining voluntary actions by citizens in a watershed it is very helpful for TMDL development and decisions pertaining to TMDLs. We understand from the previous workshop that some growers may have discontinued applying chlorpyrifos. If you would like to share information about collaborative efforts, please feel free to write to me via email at <a href="mailto:skeeling@waterboard.ca.gov">skeeling@waterboard.ca.gov</a> or by U.S. Mail at 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

#### **Contact Information**

If you have any questions, please contact Shanta Keeling at (805) 549-3464. Also, individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Shanta at the aforementioned phone number or email address at least five working days prior to the meeting.

#### **Draft Project Report (in progress)**

Staff anticipates having a Draft Project Report for the San Antonio Creek Watershed TMDL for Chlorpyrifos available mid-February 2012. Staff will notify interested parties via mail when this Draft Project Report is posted on the website. For more information on the development of the San Antonio Creek Watershed TMDL for chlorpyrifos, please see our website at <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water-issues/programs/tmdl/docs/san antonio ck op/index.shtml">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water-issues/programs/tmdl/docs/san antonio ck op/index.shtml</a>.